

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1- 33 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 34 – 51 have been added. Accordingly, Claims 34 -51 are now pending in this case. Applicant respectfully submits that the newly added claims are supported by the application as originally filed, and do not introduce new matter. It is submitted that this addresses the concerns of the Examiner and that consequently the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 should be withdrawn. Such action is respectfully requested.

On pages 2 through 9 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Gentry (U.S. Patent No. 6,888,803). It is respectfully submitted that the invention as recited in the newly admitted claims are not anticipated by Gentry.

Applicant's invention is generally directed to a telecommunication system that allows communication between a circuit-based wireless telephony network and a packet-based Internet telephony network through the use of a gateway controller. The steps of the claims are directed at detecting a circuit-based network communication at the initiation step and thereby being able to send the next signal requesting the location of the gateway controller. By obtaining the gateway controller location, the wireless telephony network is able to send a signal to the gateway controller which then provides a connection between the wireless telephony network and the internet telephony network.

Gentry, on the other hand, does not teach or suggest detecting a circuit-based network communication at an initiation step. Thus, the Gentry reference does not teach or describe Applicant's invention. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant's invention is patentable over the references of record and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 is therefore respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

On pages 9 through 10 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Gentry in view of Toskala et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,650,905). It is respectfully submitted that the invention as recited in the newly admitted claims are not made obvious by Gentry in view of Toskala and consequently the rejection should be withdrawn.

Neither the Gentry reference nor the Toskala references teach detecting a circuit-based network communication at an initiation step nor sending the next signal requesting the location of the gateway controller. Thus, the Gentry and Toskala references, individually or collectively, in combination with any other reference of record, do not teach or describe Applicant's invention. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant's invention is patentable over the references of record and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 is therefore respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that Claims 34 - 51 clearly distinguish over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Passage to issue of the present application is therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any still outstanding matters with respect to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

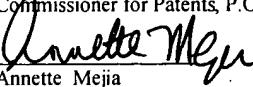
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